

roar (like the troop) of MAB.rrs;
knowing that
water to "be the best which is good for all
men, the
intelligent (*Pavcunana*) chose man to be
the offerer
of his praise.

7. The formidable showerer, the content
plator of
all, through desire for strength
roars, sharpening
his green-tinted horns;¹ the *Soma*
settles on his
well-prepared station; the cowhide is
his cleanser
and the sheepskin (too).

8. Brilliant, cleansing his sinless² body,
the green-
tinted (*Soma* ^ is placed on the high-
placed fleece;
sufficient for MITRA, YA&UNA, and TATTT
the ex-
hilarating (*Soma* ^ mixed with the three
ingredients³
is prepared by the performers of good
rites.

9. Elow SOXA ^ the showerer, for the
banquet of
the gods; enter the Soma-vessel
dear to IXDEA ;
bring us safe past the hostile
{*RdJcskasas*} before
they oppress us; for he who knows
the country
tells the direction to him who asks (the
way).⁴

10. Hasten (to the vessel) as a horse
when urged
(hastens) to the battle; flow
LSDI: into LSDBA'S
belly; all-knowing (SoiiA) bear us (safe)
across/ as

¹ *i.e.* the streams of the *Som* & juice.

- Or motionless, *i.e.* placed in. the vessel.

³ Water, curds, and milk.

⁴ Sayaiia completes the simile: " as by telling
Hm lie pro-
tects (helps) Mm, so do thou who knowest
the roads of the
sacrifice protect us by telling us the sacrificial
paths."

⁵ *i.e.* across dangers or evil spirits
(*dwritdny&iityz parayaj**)